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Welcome to the Weekly Update for the COVID-19 Technology Response System.

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) offers a comprehensive and interoperable suite of software to empower public health agencies and give them all the tools they need to respond to COVID-19.

Each week we will provide information about new features, resources, upcoming releases, and other important information about the three tools that make up the Technology Response System: Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting, EpiTrax and MO ACTS.

Check out the intranet sites here:

- Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting
- EpiTrax
- MO ACTS

Question of the Week:

I'm wanting to get a closer look at the data being entered into EpiTrax for my jurisdiction. What's an easy way to do that?

The EpiTrax 'Export' function might just be what you are looking for! This feature allows users the opportunity to dig deeper into their data and can help answer questions about disease investigation, patient demographics, community outbreaks, etc. For users interested in getting started building export queries in EpiTrax, make sure to follow these steps so that your export will return valid data – otherwise, your export may fail and return no results.

- Make sure the variables in your export do not start with a number. To fix this, simply type a letter (i.e. type an "x") at the beginning of your variable in the 'Column Name' field.
- Include the least amount of variables as possible within one export. EpiTrax Exports can support many variables within one query, but beware of adding too many into one search (i.e. trying to add every variable in EpiTrax into one export) as this can crash your export.
- If you are using a DHSS export template, double-check that your copy matches the state template and that no additional variables have been added/deleted; no extra boxes have been checked/unchecked; and that all the filter settings, except for jurisdiction and dates, stay the same.

COVID 19 Technology Seminar March Topics:

Join us to learn more about specific topics related to EpiTrax and MOACTS functionality and processes. You can find login information for each of these seminars on the Training Calendar found on the intranet sites. See you Wednesdays at 1:00!

Upcoming topics:

March 10 –   COVID-19 Reinfections and Breakthrough Infections in EpiTrax
March 24 -   The Missouri Disease Reporting Online Portal (MODROP)

The link to previous seminar recordings and Powerpoint presentations can be found on the EpiTrax and MO ACTS websites under "Quick Reference and Information Seminar Guides".

EpiTrax

As vaccine distribution ramps up and case counts continue to (thankfully) decrease, DHSS would like to again highlight the importance of contact tracing and complete data entry into EpiTrax. Resources from the Department are available to assist in both of these activities. If you're interested in requesting support for data entry into EpiTrax, please email epitrax@health.mo.gov with an estimated number of backlogged records. We're here to help!

MOACTS

Can you believe the 11th version of MO ACTS will be released on Monday?! This month's updates are all based on feedback from our users. They include enhancements to household monitoring and the addition of Spanish-language options to the automated case management text message options. Review these Release Notes and remember to check out the MO ACTS Self- Guided Simulation if you need a refresher on this application's capabilities or email epitrax@health.mo.gov to schedule a training for your team today.